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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 10428

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY AND DAO PERSONNEL EXPELLED FROM
MADAGASCAR

REF: (A) USDAO TANANARIVE 230630Z SEP 76 (NOTAL), (B) STATE
235235 (DTG 222321Z SEP 76) (NOTAL), (C) DIA 4703 (DTG 222201Z
SEP 76) (NOTAL)

1. FSO DAVID BENNETT AND TSGT CHARLES ALLEN, USAF, BOTH
ARRIVED SAFELY NAIROBI LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 23.
2. REF A INDICATES THAT USDAO TANANARIVE CONTEMPLATES
ASSIGNING ALLEN TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI FOR TDY OF APPROXIMATELY
3 TO 4 WEEKS, DURING WHICH TIME HE WOULD CLOSE OUT
END-OF-FISCAL-YEAR ACCOUNTS AND COMPLETE OTHER PAPERWORK
FOR USDAO TANANARIVE. REF B INSTRUCTS BENNETT TO AWAIT
TRAVEL ORDERS AND FISCAL DATA IN EITHER JOHANNESBURG OR NAIROBI.
3. BOTH BENNETT AND ALLEN HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING
THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES UNTIL THEIR
FAMILIES HAVE DEPARTED MADAGASCAR. FOR OFFICIAL REASONS,
AS WELL AS FAMILY CONCERN, THEY WISH TO REMAIN WHERE THEY HAVE
RAPID POUCH SERVICE TO/FROM TANANARIVE. PREFERABLY THIS
SHOULD BE A CITY WHICH HAS GOOD DIRECT AIR SERVICE FROM
MADAGASCAR FOR EVENTUAL DEPARTURE OF FAMILIES.

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4. ALTHOUGH NAIROBI HAS POUCH AND AIR SERVICE TO

TANANARIVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNWISE FOR BENNETT AND ALLEN TO REMAIN IN KENYA OR ANYWHERE IN AF REGION FOR MORE THAN BRIEF TRANSIT STOP, SINCE THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE COULD BE EXPLOITED BY MADAGASCAR OR OTHER AFRICAN RADICALS FOR PROPAGANDA BASED ON TRUMPED-UP SPY CHARGES. BEST SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE, IF DEPARTMENT AND DIA APPROVE BENNETT AND ALLEN REMAINING ABROAD TO AWAIT FAMILIES, WOULD BE PARIS, WHICH IS THEIR PREFERRED DESTINATION FOR ONWARD TRAVEL FROM NAIROBI.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS/ORDERS AND FISCAL DATA FOR BENNETT AND ALLEN TO LEAVE NAIROBI WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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